

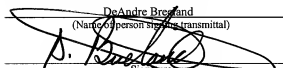
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Yushi Ihara  
Serial No. : 09/640,805  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD AND RECORDING  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on August 22, 2006, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 22, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.